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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A seal ring comprising a tube-shaped, elastic part having a leading in an insertion opening at its low a lower end for receiving an ink supply needle, wherein the top of the leading in insertion opening is provided with includes a top sealing film and the top sealing film has having a crack connecting the leading in insertion opening and the a space above the top sealing film.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The seal ring of claim 1, wherein the leading-in insertion opening has a narrower opening portion having a diameter smaller than that of the ink supply needle.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The seal ring of claim 2, wherein the narrower opening portion is formed by rings which are axially raised at from the low lower end of the tube-shaped, elastic part.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The seal ring of elaims claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the top of the tube-shaped, elastic part is provided with a symmetric support, one end of the support is being located in the on an internal wall of the tube-shaped, elastic part, and the other another end of the support is being located around the top sealing film.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The sealing of claim 4, wherein the a surface on which the crack locates is located overlaps with the symmetric a surface of the symmetric support.
- 6. (Currently Amended) An ink cartridge comprises comprising an ink outlet which supplies ink from an internal ink chamber, wherein the ink outlet is provided with a seal ring, the seal ring comprises a tube-shaped, elastic part, the an external wall of the elastic part tightly connects connecting with the an internal wall of the ink outlet, and the low a lower end of the elastic part is provided with including a leading in an insertion opening for receiving an ink supply needle;

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wherein the top of the leading in <u>insertion</u> opening is provided with <u>includes</u> a top sealing film, and the top sealing film has <u>having</u> a crack connecting the <u>leading in insertion</u> opening and the <u>a</u> space above the top sealing film.

- 7. (Currently Amended) The ink cartridge of claim 6, wherein the leading in insertion opening has a narrower opening portion having a diameter smaller than that of the ink supply needle.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The ink cartridge of claim 7, wherein the narrower opening portion is formed by rings which are axially raised at the low from the lower end of the tube-shaped, elastic part.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The ink cartridge of elaims claim 6, 7, or 8, wherein the top of the tube-shaped, elastic part is provided with includes a symmetric support, one end of the support is being located in the on an internal wall of the tube-shaped, elastic part, and the other another end of the support is being located around the top sealing film.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The ink cartridge of claim 9, wherein the <u>a</u> surface on which the crack <u>locates</u> is <u>located</u> overlaps with the symmetric <u>a</u> surface of the <u>symmetric</u> support.